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The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 18 August 2005 has been considered by the Examiner and a signed copy is attached hereto. The Supplemental Donald P. Weeks Declaration filed under 37 CFR 1.132 on 18 August 2004 has been fully considered by the Examiner, and has been found to not substantively affect the allowability of the claims. The reference will not be printed on the face of the patent because it is not publicly available.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David H. Kruse, Ph.D. whose telephone number is (571) 272-0799. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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